

## LCAP causes hair loss



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127th Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Keith R. Edwards (also the 191st Maintenance Component Repair Superintendent) was given a buzz by Airman First Class Kyle Kelly, 191st Fuels Technician, (left), and Lt. Col. Philip Sheridan, 127th Air Refueling Group deputy commander, enjoys the last seconds before losing his hair to Technical Sgt. Jennifer E. Lindsay, (right), due to an agreement following the Logistics Compliance Assessment Program inspection (LCAP) at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan, on Nov. 19. Both leaders chose to part with their hair after the 127th Air Refueling Group received an 'Outstanding', the highest possible rating on the LCAP, and an 'Excellent' grade from the AMC Unit Compliance Inspection. Both men, as well as several other members of the Air Refueling Group leadership, shaved their heads to show appreciation for all the Airmen who worked hard preparing for the inspections and to increase the morale of Wing members. See story on page 6.

# Commander's Column

## MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL

Happy Holidays! Whether you are deployed, stationed overseas or living in the U.S., each of you should enjoy the season and celebrate in your own special way. However, we encourage you to celebrate responsibly. The Air Force needs you back at work, but more importantly, your friends and family need you in their lives. As the Air Force observes the Year of the Air Force family, we ask you to consider how the results of your personal risk-related decisions and actions might affect your family and friends. What better gift can you give than to arrive home safely for the holidays?

The Air Force typically loses seven Airmen to personal motor vehicle mishaps during the months of November and December. Last fiscal year, we lost 47 Airmen to personal motor vehicle mishaps with 68 percent of those fatalities involving reckless behavior (not wearing a seatbelt, drinking and driving, or speeding). Many of you will travel during the holidays. Evaluate the hazards in your travel plans (fatigue, weather, pressing to get to your destination), then use sound risk management principles and discuss mitigation strategies with your commander or supervisor. Be responsible and remember the goal is ZERO preventable mishaps.

Enjoy the holidays and thank you for your service and your commitment to the Air Force!

**Michael B. Donley**  
Secretary of the Air Force

**General Norton A Schwartz**  
USAF Chief of Staff



## ...From the Chief's Desk

**by Chief MSgt. Bruce S. Collins**  
127th Maintenance Superintendent

For years now we have all been focused on the "do more with less" mantra hitting our ears almost daily. You ask yourself, will it ever stop. I know I do, but the reality is that the United States Air Force has changed and there is no gain in looking back. Just a few years ago we celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and we continue to gain maturity with each passing day. With this maturing process comes change and they say change is inevitable, and every new process that comes down the road proves this to be true. I accept the Air Force Core Values and The Airman's Creed as change for the better. Both of these support our Air Force doctrine, transcend over all three leadership and development levels, and provide us with unified foundational beliefs that we infuse in who we are and the mission we accomplish.

Air Force Chief of Staff, General Norman A. Schwartz, in a 2008 article, writes, "*The mission of the United States Air Force is to fly, fight and win in air, space and cyberspace. To achieve that mission, the Air Force has a vision of Global Vigilance, Reach and Power. That vision orbits around three core competencies: Developing Airmen, Technology-to-War fighting and*

*Integrating Operations. Core competencies and distinctive capabilities are based on a shared commitment to three core values -- integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do.*"

The title of this article is "America is at War" I want to be clear on this because America is at war, not just its military, but every citizen from each and every state of our union. Yes, we need to perform our job to the best of our abilities to ensure the freedom of this nation for its citizens. We have embraced a sworn oath, to protect the United States of America from its enemies, both foreign and domestic. We do this by accomplishing our mission each and every day in all that we do.

Our Airman's Creed states, "*My mission is to fly, fight and win.*" My mission is to fly, fight and win, fly, fight and win, fly, fight and win. As this simplest of phrases repeats in our heads, we are reminded of the real complexity behind it. You repeat this over and over in your head trying to adapt it to your mission, and maybe you do. But then again, maybe you just ignore it.

Before you write this off as just the catch phrase of the day or some silly feel-good phrase that you must repeat to get promoted, I ask that you read and understand this statement:

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# Collaboration key to National Guard relationships

**By Army Staff Sgt. Jim Greenhill**  
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Conflict might have been the 20th century norm, but collaboration is the nature of 21st century relationships between the National Guard and other components of the armed forces, the chief of the National Guard Bureau said here Monday.

"There have always been challenges between the active component forces and the National Guard simply from where we come from culturally," Air Force Gen. Craig McKinley told the National Homeland Defense Foundation Symposium. "But the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and Hurricane Katrina ... have brought us to a point where conflict no longer has a place. ...

"We've got to collaborate. ... The governors need a strong, viable, relevant National Guard to protect their citizens at home, and the Army and the Air Force need a strong National Guard that can help alleviate the tempo on the active duty force."

Leaders and policymakers will always debate the roles of the Guard and other components, McKinley said, but in a crisis, citizens care only about results.

"While those of us in D.C. and state capitals debate who's in charge, the men and women of the military - active, Guard and Reserve - focus on getting the job done and supporting the local officials who need help," McKinley said.

"The 'who's in charge game' seldom occurs on the ground where the work is really getting done. We see this over and over again with no-notice incidents and cold-start events - Guard, civilian, local, state and federal responders all work closely together to get the job done."

Nevertheless - with the Quadrennial Defense Review and a presidential budget review in preparation for the 2011 Program Objective Memorandum as background - there is a necessary debate about the Guard's exact role.

"This debate is passionate, and it's contentious, and there's good points to be made on

both sides," McKinley said.

"We're debating two primary schools of thought. ... There's a primarily federal response to a disaster ... and then there's the state or the regional approach which, for 372 years, the National Guard has done well. It's a community-based force. It's dispersed. It's in the nation. It's out there every day and can be called upon when needed, and it's scalable to the disaster."

In about 95 percent of probable domestic disaster scenarios, the traditional National Guard response in support of civilian authorities works best, McKinley said.

"Community-based forces have a familiarity with the local culture," he said. "They understand the importance of locally elected officials."

Besides, as a city public safety leader recently told McKinley during a domestic response exercise, "All events begin locally and they end locally."

Said McKinley, "It's what happens in between ... that we in government have got to continue to focus on."

In a small number of scenarios, such as the use of a weapon of mass destruction in an American city, "The locals may be rapidly overwhelmed, and an aggressive federal response is needed," McKinley said. "This is going to take a whole-of-government solution."

Although the debate about the balance between federal and state leadership that started with the writing of the Constitution is likely to continue indefinitely, "We in the National Guard know that there must be unity of command, and the active component force knows that there must be unity of effort."

Regardless of exactly how specific policy debates are resolved, "The National Guard ... will form the core of any domestic response," McKinley said. "Active [duty] forces will be available to fill in the gaps and augment when needed. ... In the end, it's all about preserving the security and safety of our American way of life."

# Combined Federal Campaign

## 127th Public Affairs

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In 1961 President John F Kennedy established the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) this campaign would eradicate annual solicitation of federal employees at their job sites by charitable agencies.

The task of the CFC is to promote as well as support philanthropy through a program that will improve the quality of life for all.

There are more than 300 CFC campaign throughout the country and they internally help to raise millions of dollars making this the most successful annual workplace giving campaign.

Federal civilian, postal and military donors support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human services through the world.

The campaign dates for the 127th Wing are Nov. 1 – Dec. 15, 2009.

### **What can be accomplished with your CFC Gift?**

By volunteering some of your time you can help to feed the hungry provide relief for families in need of counseling, comfort for the terminally ill, making water accessible in Third World countries, provide environmental protection, and enhancing the work needed to find a cure for diseases. This is the gift of a better life and renewed hope for millions of people.

### **Payroll deduction allows you help all year long.**

More than 90% of all CFC funds raised were given through payroll deduction pledges, which begin on the first pay period in January. It's convenient for you to give your contribution throughout the year through payroll deduction.

Payroll deductions help you to care for the community and provide needed support for the United States. Traditional Guardsmen and Active Guard Reserves (AGRs) can contribute in lump sum payments to their CFC coordinator.

### **You're In Control Of Your Gift.**

You have a choice to contribute or not. You have that right all Federal Employees do and you decide what needs are met with your donation. You may specify to the organizations of your choice where indicated on your pledge card. Additional designation must be completed on a second pledge card except for documented expenses for the operation of the local CFCs and uncollected pledges.

The Local Federal Coordinating Committee must approve and monitor campaign expenses. Every campaign has

a Local Federal Committee which comprised of Federal employees.

How will you know if an organization is legitimate?

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), through the Office of CFC operations, screens all CFC participating charities against the IRS master file of exempt organizations to ensure that they are duly registered as 501 (c)(3) charities to which donor contributions are tax deductible. In addition, all CFC charities are reviewed annually for evidence that they are providing services on a local, state, national, or international level depending on the type of application, as well as public and financial accountability.

The CFC review does not evaluate whether an organization uses its' donations efficiently.

Each individual donor is responsible for evaluating this type of information. The Director of OPM has the authority to reject any organization that either has not taken corrective actions in response to a sanction, or whose financial controls do not meet the required audit standards.

### **The spirit of giving is voluntary and guaranteed.**

The contribution that you make should never be influenced in an appropriate way. Your contribution should be voluntary and solely your decision.

To ensure this contribution is voluntary OPM has identified several practices that are not permitted. The practices are: including but not limited to: supervisor solicitation of employees supervised, setting of 100% participation goals, providing and using contributors lists for purposes other than the routine collection and forwarding of contributions and installment pledges, establishing personal dollar goals and quotas, and developing and using list of people that do not contribute.

### **Contribute Now!**

The campaign runs through December 15th. For information on how to contribute and organizations in the campaign, see your CFC coordinator for pledge cards, go to [www.cfcnca.org/2009\\_charity\\_search](http://www.cfcnca.org/2009_charity_search) or contact TSgt. Kathy Smith at (586)239-4444.



## Chief's Column, cont.

*"The enduring responsibility of the United States Air Force is to provide strategic deterrence for the Nation and fly, fight and win as an integral part of the Joint Team.";* while *"We provide Global Vigilance, Reach and Power in three war-fighting domains: air, space and cyberspace."*

This statement by General Schwartz encompasses ideals global in magnitude which cannot be accomplished without teamwork.

No one career is more important than another. The United States Air Force must foster the ideal that as a cohesive and integrated community, the airman who prepares and serves our meals is just as important as the airman who administers our annual vaccinations, who is just as important as the airman who services the aircraft, who is just as important as the airman who manages our personnel stuff, who is just as important as the airman who ensures our security, who...you get the picture. That is why it is *our* mission to fly, fight and win. It is crucial that you make it your personal mission, because the team depends upon you to fly, fight and win in each and everything you do.

The 127<sup>th</sup> Wing is a busy place, full of activity and hard working people, taking care of the business of our community, our state and our nation. Operations tempo will not take a rest and neither can we. You must understand that this is a marathon, not a sprint. We must be diligent in our daily work, building a battle rhythm, to accomplish the task of dutifully serving the people of the United States of America.

Everyday you should be telling yourself, *"I am an American Airman, and my mission is to fly, fight and win."* America depends upon you to understand and be-

lieve this to be true, because complacency breeds failure, and America is at war! Think about it, won't you.

## The Airman's Creed

*I am an American Airman.  
I am a warrior.  
I have answered my nation's call.*

*I am an American Airman.  
My mission is to fly, fight and win.  
I am faithful to a proud heritage,  
a tradition of honor,  
and a legacy of valor.*

*I am an American Airman,  
guardian of freedom and justice,  
my nation's sword and shield,  
its sentry and avenger.  
I defend my country with my life.*

*I am an American Airman:  
wingman, leader, warrior.  
I will never leave an Airman behind,  
I will never falter  
and I will not fail.*

## New Fitness Center

Are you ready to work out! The 127th Wing is opening a new fitness center at the old uniform shop in building 835 for 127th Wing members only with the Grand Opening of December 5.

The fitness facility will have a variety of cardiovascular machines to enable numerous Wing members to get a vascular workout year round. Both free weights and machine weights will be offered for strength training and full body toning in the 8,000 square foot facility.

Hours of operation will be determined and announced before opening. The fitness center is forecasted to be a 24/7 operating facility with entry allowed by your CAC card. We must stay in shape to stay vigilant!





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By 2nd Lt. Anthony J. Lesterson  
127th Wing Public Affairs

What is the leading cause of hair loss at the 127th Air Refueling Group? People lose hair for many reasons and truth be told hair loss is a common occurrence among many people. Hair loss can be genetic, due to an illness or in many cases stress can cause hair loss.

However there is a new cause of hair loss and it is important for everyone to know about it. Logistics Compliance Assessment Program Inspections (LCAP) cause hair loss primarily among Chief Master sergeants and commanders.

The 127th Air Refueling Group was inspected by the Air National Guard Logistics Compliance Assessment Program Team to measure the Logistics and Operations aspect of the unit with over 3500 inspect able items as well as approximately 300 personnel evaluations.

The 127th Air Refueling Group was awarded an 'Outstanding' on the inspection, which is a rating that is very uncommonly awarded for the LCAP. Pre-inspection, several Chiefs Master Sgts. and select commanders agreed to allow their heads to be shaved in front of a crowd of 127th Wing members if the 'Outstanding' grade occurred. With luck, the hair will grow back for a similar challenge prior to the AMC ORI!



photograph by MSgt. Terry Atwell, 127th Public Affairs

**On Nov. 19 two commanders and four chief master sergeants agreed to have their heads shaved after the 127th Air Refueling Group received an 'Outstanding' on the Logistics Compliance Assessment Program Inspection (LCAP). Beginning in the back row, left to right: Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth M. Szymanski, aircraft maintenance superintendent, Col. Michael Thomas, 127th ARG commander, Chief Master Sgt. Michael J. Elwart, maintenance operations flight superintendent, Chief Master Sgt. Dennis J. Barriger, equipment Maintenance Flight Chief, 127th Command Chief Master Sgt. Keith R. Edwards, 191st maintenance component repair superintendent and, kneeling, Lt. Col. Philip R. Sheridan, 127th ARG deputy commander, all share a photograph with surrounding AMC Airmen of the 127th Wing behind them. Shaving their heads was a small gesture for these leaders to show appreciation for the accomplishments of the unit while increasing morale at the same time.**

## ESGR Patriot Award Nomination

Calling all 127th Wing traditional status guardsmen: Award your employer! Recognize your boss for his or her support of National Guard and Reserve members. Nominate him or her for a "Patriot Award".

Every employer nominated will receive a Department of Defense Certificate of Appreciation and a Patriot lapel pin. Tell why your employer is great. When completing the employer recognition form, take a few moments to explain why your employer deserves to be recognized. It may lead

to bigger things. Your boss may be eligible for higher recognition, but only if you take the time during the nomination process to explain.

The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard conducts an awards program designed to recognize employers who support a strong National Guard and Reserve force. Employers qualify for recognition when they practice leadership and personnel policies that support employee participation in the Guard and Reserve.

All members of the National Guard and Reserve are eligible to nominate their employers. The standard turn around time for the Patriot Award to reach the address provided is 14 days. To nominate your employer, log on to [www.esgr.org/site](http://www.esgr.org/site) and click on the Patriot Award button.

## Promotions

### Staff Sergeant

Joseph R. Blakley, 191 MXS  
Jeremy L. Brownfield, 127 WG  
Nancy W. Maddox, 191 OSF  
Brian P. McGilpin, 127 CS  
Keith G. Turner, 191 AMX

### Technical Sergeant

David L. Bowers, 191 AMX  
Mark W. Rauch, 191 MXS  
Gordon C. Starks, 127 FSS  
Carl W. Westphal, 127 CS

**Master Sergeant**  
Pedro J. Torres Jr., 127 MXS

## Retirements

Lt. Col. William Johnston, 127 LRS  
Fatie Martes Mansel, 127 LRS  
MSgt. Ronald Wightman, 127 FSS  
John W. Tapert, 127 MXG  
Russel C. McCauley, 127 CES

## Newcomers

SrA Nick Benschoter  
SSgt Shawn Brass  
SrA Candace Damour  
SSgt. Craig Hawkins  
A1C Korrey Jurosek  
SSgt. Kimberly Lepper  
SrA Joseph Masters Jr.  
SSgt. Jedd Penaflor  
SrA Robert Sarazin  
A1C Nick Van Haverbach  
A1C Stephanie Ward

# Briefly ...

### Breakfast and Lunch all at once

The 127th Wing dining facility will have different hours of operation on Sunday, December 6. There will be a combination of breakfast and lunch being served that day between the hours of 10.30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

These changes are due to holiday events taking place throughout the base. For those members required to pay for their meal, the rate will be \$4.80

### Holiday Financial Support

Having a hard time making ends meet? Many military members and their families deal with hardships such as: financial distress, deployment, difficulty adjusting financially after a deployment and other reasons. The Family Readiness team may be able to provide help for any member of the armed services and their family with Thanksgiving or Christmas support.

To register for help over the holidays, contact the Family Readiness Center at: 586-239-5583 or email at: daheinoz@yahoo.com. Families will have full confidentiality when applying.

### BX's Revamped Layaway Program makes it Easier to 'Shop Now, Pay Later'

Visit your local exchange and it soon becomes apparent that reports of layaway's demise have been greatly exaggerated.

In fact, Army & Air Force Exchange Service BXs and PXs are reintroducing and, in some cases, expanding layaway options.

"Clothing, handbags and shoes are still eligible for 30-day layaway, but full payment on many other categories can be put off for up to 60 days when shopping the exchange," said Selfridge General Manager Dan Barriga.

Military shoppers whose Families' holiday wish list included something that sparkles or shines were able to begin making arrangements as far out as Sept. as fine jewelry can be put on layaway for up to 120 days at AAFES.

Delaying full payment might even be mom and dad's secret weapon in keeping presents under wraps this year as toys can be put on layaway up until Christmas Eve.

"Let the kids look in the attic, under the tree or even your car trunk," said Barriga. "Keeping the toys on layaway, and in the exchange's back room, can really take a lot of stress out

of the holidays."

Any purchase of \$25 or more is eligible for layaway at AAFES. A 15 percent deposit on the total purchase price is required to hold a product. Merchandise excluded from AAFES' layaway program includes clearance merchandise, computers, peripherals, major appliances, furniture, mattresses, exercise equipment, electronics \$299 and up as well as seasonal and outdoor living products.

### Pumping Up the Savings for MILITARY STAR<sup>SM</sup> Card Users

With the busy, and expensive, holiday shopping season just around the corner, Army & Air Force Exchange Service gas stations at Selfridge are helping to make sure that the fill up doesn't empty the wallet.

In addition to the five cents a gallon discount that MILITARY STAR<sup>SM</sup> Card holders already enjoy every time they fuel up, steeper discounts are being offered three times before the New Year.

From Nov. 30 – Dec. 4 as well as Dec. 28 – Jan. 1, the savings soar to 20 cents per gallon for those purchasing with their MILITARY STAR<sup>SM</sup> Card.

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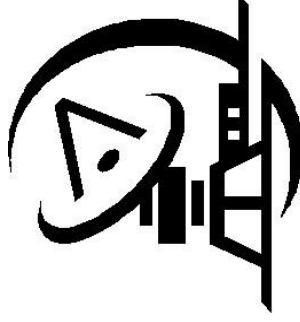
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## Tired of CDC's...Can't get away for 6 weeks... Check this out!

Qualified NCO's and SrA can attend either the Satellite NCOA /ALS on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 1800 – 2200Hrs at Selfridge and then spend two (for ALS) to two and one half weeks (for NCOA) of In-Residence in Knoxville Tennessee to receive full in-residence credit.

### NCOA Selfridge Phase: 23MAR– 10JUN2010

McGhee Tyson TN Phase: 14 JUN– 29 JUN 2010

Graduation Date: 29 JUN 2010

Travel dates: 13 JUN& 30 JUN 2010

### ALS Selfridge Phase: Tentative as of now

McGhee Tyson TN Phase: tentatively 06SEP– 17SEP 2010

Graduation Date: 17 SEP 2010

Travel dates: 05 SEP & 18 SEP

### **As a Satellite EPME (NCOA or ALS) student you will:**

- Professionally develop yourself for leadership opportunities
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- Receive one paid PT day for each night of class (1/4 of your drill pay)
  - Complete 10 hours of CCAF credit
- Wear all uniforms as directed from PT,BDU/ABU, Service and Service Dress
- Attend every class minus emergency situations/death/doctor orders
  - Maintain fitness standards

If interested you must contact your training office, First Sergeant, and Selfridge base training at DSN 273-4057. Inform them of your desire to reserve your seat for either the 2010 SAT ALS or SAT NCOA ASAP